



A New PATH

Parents for Addiction Treatment and Healing

Media Advisory

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San Diego Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Advocates Organize House Party To Watch and Discuss National TV Program On Addiction

A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Recovery) joins local Addiction Recovery Advocates at a House Party as They Watch and Discuss Dateline NBC's "Saving Carrick"

What: A house party hosted by David and Gretchen Bergman. This unique event is one among many that are taking place across the country before the airing of Dateline NBC's "Saving Carrick," featuring the powerful story of a New York family's experience with addiction and recovery. House parties are being organized nationally by Faces & Voices of Recovery, a Washington, DC- based national addiction recovery advocacy campaign.

Who: Residents of San Diego and surrounding communities, who are family members, friends and allies, and individuals who are in recovery from addiction. A New PATH is a non-profit organization of parents, concerned citizens and community leaders working together to advocate for better understanding of and treatment for the disease of drug addiction. They work to reduce the stigma in order to increase access to quality substance abuse treatment services and to end discrimination against individuals with addictive illness.

Where: 5262 Caminito Providencia, Rancho Santa Fe, CA
(call 619-670-1184 for instructions to house)

When: Friday, July 29, 2005 at 7pm – 10pm

Background:

Faces & Voices of Recovery was launched in 2001 in response to the growing movement to end discrimination, broaden social understanding and achieve a just response to addiction as a public health crisis.

- In 2003, 20.3 million people needed treatment but did not receive it.
- In 2003, the number of people receiving treatment declined from 2.3 to 1.9 million.
- Untreated alcohol and other drug problems cost the American economy, families and communities an estimated \$294 billion per year.

Like the family featured in Dateline NBC's program, growing numbers of individuals and families are speaking out so that people who need help can get it. For more information on the house parties and the Faces & Voices of Recovery campaign, visit www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org. For more information on A New PATH, visit www.anewpath.cc or email anewpath@cox.net